

**CAPT Robert G. Kopas**  
United States Navy



Captain Robert George Kopas was born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in Phoenix, Arizona where he was a 1980 graduate of Brophy College Preparatory High School. Captain Kopas attended Purdue University on an NROTC Scholarship and was graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science and immediately commissioned as an Ensign, U.S. Navy in May 1984. He has also received a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Master of Arts degree (with distinction) in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Captain Kopas' tours of duty at sea include: USS SAN BERNARDINO (LST 1189) as Communications Officer, Electronics Material Officer, and Auxiliaries Officer; USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36) as Operations Officer; USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45) as Executive Officer; USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) as Operations Officer; and as Commanding Officer, USS HARPERS FERRY (LSD 49). Additionally, he served on the staff of Commander, THIRD Fleet as Future Scheduling Officer.

Ashore, Captain Kopas served as a student at the Naval Postgraduate School, as a Mahan Scholar at the Naval War College, on the staff of Commander, Amphibious Squadron SEVEN as Operations Officer and at the United States Naval Academy as an instructor and the Executive Assistant to the Director, Character Development Division. Immediately prior to reporting to MAKIN ISLAND, CAPT Kopas was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff for Computers, Communications, Command & Control, Intelligence Systems and Combat Systems (C5I) for Commander, Naval Surface Forces (SURFOR).

He reported to his current assignment as Commanding Officer for the Precommissioning Crew of MAKIN ISLAND in November 2005. His tour of duty will encompass the entire Precommissioning process and significant time after MAKIN ISLAND is commissioned.

Captain Kopas has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (two awards), and various service and campaign ribbons.

Captain Kopas is married to the former Susan Sharr of Mission Viejo, CA and has two sons.